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Board OKs Acceptance of \$3.3 Million in Security Funding

(April 4, 2006) The Board of Directors approved a motion, Item 29, at its March meeting to accept \$3.3 million in state Homeland Security funds, but other items of interest to employees were carried over to future Board meetings or withdrawn.

The \$3.3 million grant will support security programs for Metro, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority and OCTA.

The programs will include “efforts to augment rail security” at Union Station, overtime for Sheriff’s deputies, barricades in the parking structure, installation of closed-circuit cameras throughout the USG complex, Metro Red Line message sign upgrades and other security measures.

Bus security improvements would include multi-agency disaster drills, installation of closed-circuit cameras at bus divisions, security kiosks at selected bus divisions and on the Metro Orange Line, and enhancements for the LASD data network.

Other Board action

In other action, the Board carried over for 30 days a motion, Item 28, authorizing the CEO to negotiate an agreement with a San Fernando Valley organization that plans a half-marathon next October on the Orange Line right-of-way.

Item, 13, a motion to adopt various color designations for the Exposition Line, the El Monte Busway, Harbor Transitway, and the Wilshire/Western subway line, also was carried over for 30 days.

The Board carried over for 60 days a motion, Item 5, to approve a \$3.6 million restoration of the historic Lankershim Depot Transit Center adjacent to the Orange Line station in North Hollywood.

Item 19, a motion by Councilman Bernard Parks was withdrawn. The motion would have directed the Metro staff to work with the City of Los Angeles in developing a temporary parking lot near the Orange Line station in North Hollywood was withdrawn.